

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
February 26, 2007

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding
Absent: Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of the two special meetings held on February 12, 2007.

In favor: Clouette, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus
Abstaining: Blair, Haddad, Redding

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

David Kloss, 72 Beech Mountain Road, questioned how the pieces of art are chosen for display at the Community Center and who has the final say on the selection. Statement attached.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Fats, Oils and Grease Pretreatment Ordinance

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, briefly outlined the proposed ordinance explaining that it is based on a model ordinance designed by the state. This local ordinance will require compliance within two years of the effective date and will put compliance in local hands making it easier to interpret and administer. The local ordinance contains the same requirements for food establishments as the state code but compliance is required earlier.

Tony Capola, representing Big Y suggested that retrofitting existing establishments could be costly.

Mayor Paterson closed the public hearing and requested a motion to move Item# 5 to the next agenda item. Moved by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Paulhus the motion passed unanimously.

5. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Ray Frigon of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's

Mediation Section and Project Director described the problems and the remedial activities that have taken place at the UConn landfill closure project. Mr. Frigon explained the process of excavation, trenching and capping the affected areas. There are plans for long term monitoring of residential wells and ground water wells in the area. The leachate from the trenches will be treated at the UConn sewage treatment plant and then released into the Willimantic River. The majority of remedial activities should be completed by summer. Eventually the area will become a parking lot.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS
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2. Fats, Oils and Grease Pretreatment Ordinance

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the Fats, Oils and Grease Pretreatment Ordinance, dated February 26, 2007, which ordinance shall become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Community/Campus Relations

Matthew W. Hart, the Town Manager, announced that the University has hired James Hintz to be the new Director of Off Campus Housing. Town Officials are very pleased with the choice and look forward to working with him. The Town Manager also announced that planning for Spring Weekend is underway.

4. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

The Town Manager reported that the draft plan is nearing completion and that there will be a meeting to review the draft sometime in the next few weeks.

5. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Addressed above.

- VII. NEW BUSINESS
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6. Local Art Displays at the Mansfield Community Center

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective February 26, 2007, to request that the Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee develop a policy or set of procedures governing the display of artwork at the Mansfield Community Center, for review and approval by the Town Council. And, further, to request that the Arts Advisory Committee, when undertaking this task, consult with and solicit comment from the Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee, staff and other interested members of the community.

Council members discussed the current approval process, possible approaches to approval, the amount of control needed and the controversial nature of art. Members agreed to expand the policy request to incorporate all publicly owned spaces within Town, with the exception of the public schools.

Mr. Clouette moved to amend the motion to read, effective February 26, 2007, to request that the Mansfield Arts Advisory Committee develop a policy or set of procedures governing the display of artwork at the Mansfield Community Center and other publicly owned spaces where art is displayed exclusive of the public schools, for review and approval by the Town Council. And, further, to request that the Arts Advisory Committee, when undertaking this task, consult with and solicit comment from the Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee other advisory committees, staff and other interested members of the community.

Seconded by Mr. Paulhus the motion to amend passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

7. Surface Transportation Program Rural Minor Collector Grant

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Koehn seconded, effective February 26, 2007, to authorize Town Manager Matthew W. Hart to submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for a Surface Transportation Program Rural Minor Collector Grant and to execute any related grant documents.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Boards of Education for Information Technology Services

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective February 26, 2007 to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Amended Agreement between the Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Board of Education, and the Regional School Board for Accounting, Bookkeeping, Information Technology and Risk Management Services.

Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance, explained that the new Information Technology position would report to all three entities but would be an employee of the Board of Education.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. (WPCA) Proposed FY 2006/07 Willimantic Sewer Project

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to a motion to convene as the Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective February 26, 2007, to adopt the proposed Willimantic Sewer Budget for 2006/07 as presented by the

Director of Finance.

The Director of Finance discussed some of the components of the agreement with the Town of Windham noting that for a number of reasons this agreement will need to be renegotiated.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to reconvene as the Town Council.
Motion passed unanimously.

10. Financial Statements for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2006

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective February 26, 2007, to accept the Town's financial statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2006.

Mr. Clouette noted that the Finance Committee reviewed the statement with the Director of Finance and all their questions were answered. Mr. Smith will question OPM on why Mansfield's share of the Pequot money was seemingly cut more than any other town's. Mansfield's share has been cut almost in half since the original appropriation was reported.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as of June 30, 2006

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective February 26, 2007, to accept the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2006.

Mr. Clouette reported that the Finance Committee discussed the examination by the audit company, which reported no material weaknesses in the financial reporting of the Town.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Town Manager's Goals, February 2007

M. Haddad moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective February 26, 2007, to endorse the list of goals for the Town Manager dated February 2007.

Mr. Haddad stated that the Personnel Committee has been working with the Town Manager to establish this list of goals for the year. The list includes ongoing and new projects and also a list of seven additional leadership and managerial goals. The Town Manager thanked the Personnel Committee for their support and advice.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

- The Quarterly Reports were distributed this evening and will be discussed at the next meeting.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
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Mr. Haddad reported that the Personnel Committee took action on a number of items that will be future agenda items and concern classification reviews for positions in the Town Manager's office and the Fire Marshall's office. The Committee also reviewed and recommended increases for the Registrars and Deputy Registrars of Voters. These will be included in a future packet.

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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- Mr. Clouette commented that he attended the forum on healthcare sponsored by Senator Don Williams. He noted that municipalities are very concerned about the future cost to their budgets.
- Ms. Koehn reported that the Clean Energy Team is planning its first Earth Day Celebration for April 22 from 1 to 3. She also reminded members that the light bulb sale will be held in the Council Chambers on March 15th.
- Mr. Hawkins attended an event in the Legislative Office Building, which thanked State Representative Denise Merrill for her support of the State Firefighters.
- Mayor Paterson expressed her appreciation to Mike Nintean and the Housing Code Enforcement Department for their hard work and success in the landlord registration endeavor.
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- XII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
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- Attached
- Additionally, Mr. Hart noted that the Town has saved \$240,000 in electrical cost and acknowledged Bill Hammond's, Director of Maintenance, efforts to promote green cleaning in the Town. The Mayor and Town Manager will write a note of acknowledgement to Mr. Hammond.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

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- Mr. Clouette proposed that the Council consider exploring a number of issues as future agenda items including how to approach economic development, affordable

housing and reviewing the effectiveness of adopted policies and ordinances. Matthew Hart stated that a presentation on sustainable economic development is being planned and that the development and implementation of a Strategic Plan will be helpful to the Council as they explore these issues.

XIV. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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- 13. Bay State Consultants re: Pass Through Charges in 2007 and Expected Savings
- 14. Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association re: Distinguished Service Award
- 15. Destination Green
- 16. R. Favretti re: Draft Four Corners Sewer Service Area
- 17. Planning and Zoning Commission Referral: Downtown Zoning Application
- 18. State of Connecticut Department of Transportation re: Intersection Improvements on Route 195 at Chaffeeville Road and Clover Mill Road
- 19. UConn Advance *'UConn Scientist Work to Develop Environmentally Friendly Materials'*

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk